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## Community Newsletter

April 7, 2023

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# Arts District Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Mobility Infrastructure Program

Groundbreaking Ceremony

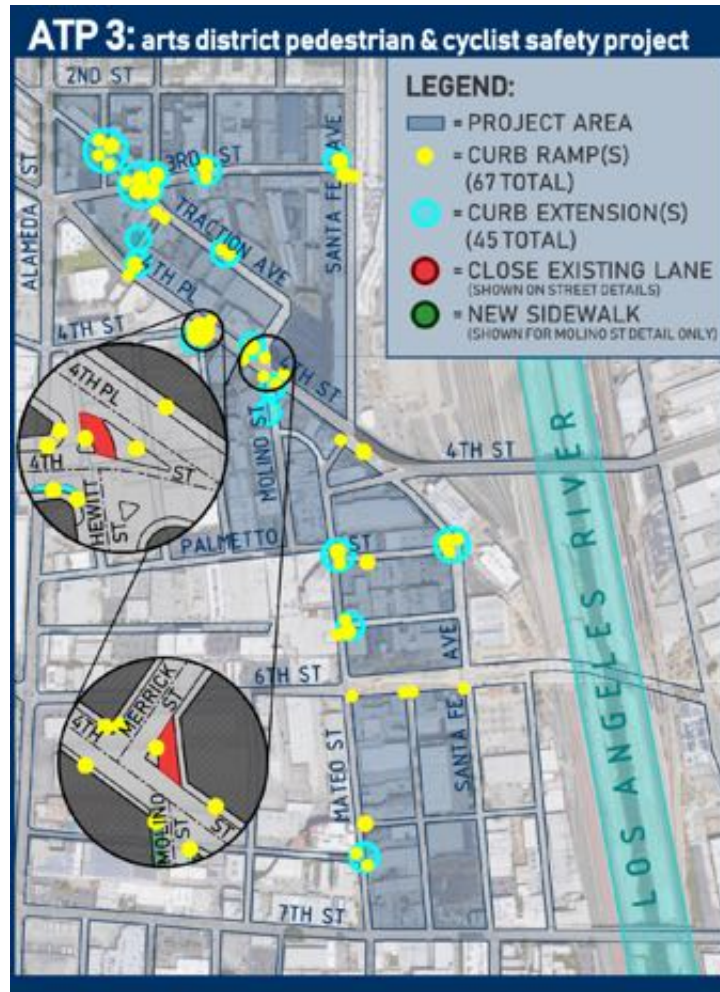


In 2017, the City of Los Angeles was awarded \$15,000,000 dollars from the State of California’s Active Transportation Program (ATP) to be used to create

and expand pedestrian and bicycle access within the Downtown Arts District.



The project consists of installing new bicycle lanes on Santa Fe Avenue, Traction Avenue, and Mateo Street, pedestrian lighting, sidewalk repair, new pedestrian crosswalks, and tree planting.



An additional major component is the installation of new traffic signals at 3rd Street and Santa Fe Avenue and Santa Fe Avenue and Mateo Street.

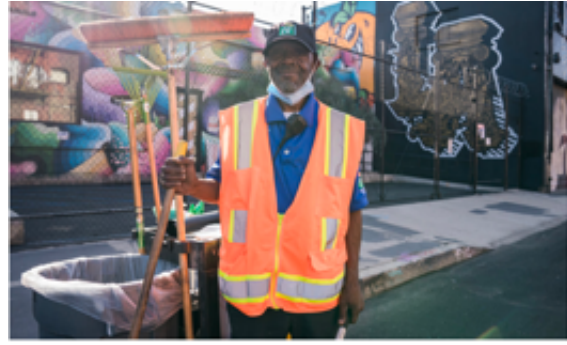


This project would not have been possible without the strong advocacy and support of Arts District community.

## Arts District BID Renewal

### Renew the Blue

In early February ADLA kicked off the petition drive to renew the Arts District BID. Information about the BID's renewal was mailed to each property owner in the District. Property owners were encouraged to read through the materials and review the BID's past work as well as the proposal for renewal.



On March 16, 2023, the City Clerk's Office informed ADLA that property owners representing 51% of the proposed assessment amount had signed and returned their petitions, completing the petition phase of the renewal process. The City Clerk will now request the Los Angeles City Council to adopt an Ordinance of Intention to form the Arts District BID. Once approved, the City Clerk will mail election ballots to every property owner in the District by May 1st. Ballot tabulation will be held in June and the final results will be reported to the City Council.



Many thanks to everyone who returned their petitions. For more information about the Arts District BID renewal please visit this [link](#) or contact Miguel Vargas at [Miguel@artsdistrictla.org](mailto:Miguel@artsdistrictla.org).

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## LAPD Responds to Spike in BTFVs

### Special Taskforce



By the end of January and into early February, burglary / thefts from motor vehicles (BTFVs) had jumped close to 200% when compared to the previous year. In response to this dramatic increase, LAPD created a special task force designed to reduce car break-ins throughout Downtown. Approximately thirty Police Officers from across the City were brought into Central Division to work BTFVs in the Arts District.

Beginning on February 15<sup>th</sup>, the task force worked twice a week for four weeks. Teams of undercover and uniformed Officers were positioned in multiple locations across the Arts District. Teams would observe vehicle break-ins and then arrest the individuals once they had taken the stolen property into their possession. Information provided by BID Safety Officers helped lead to multiple arrests. In total the task force was responsible for arresting close to 20 individuals. As a result, car break-ins have significantly reduced.

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## Neighborhood Council Elections

Arts District and Little Tokyo

# EMPOWER YOUR COMMUNITY



Elections for the [Arts District Little Tokyo Neighborhood Council](#) are around the corner, which means it's time to brush up on the candidates and request your vote by mail ballot.

## WHAT ARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCILS?

LA's 99 Neighborhood Councils together form the grassroots level of the Los Angeles City government. The system was created to connect LA's diverse communities to City Hall, and was established in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter. While Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected to office by the members of their community.

The Neighborhood Council system tailors LA's municipal government to the City's communities, ensuring that recognition and accommodation of these communities' diversity is built into City governance. Neighborhood Councils advocate on issues like homelessness, housing, land use, emergency preparedness, public safety, parks, transportation, and sustainability. They also provide local expertise and a local voice on the delivery of City services to their communities.

Each Council holds monthly meetings of their full board, in addition to monthly Committee meetings with a more targeted focus on key issues or projects, like public safety, transportation, homelessness, or land use. All meetings are open to the public.

### **WHEN TO VOTE?**

You may vote in person on Election Day or by mail. Please note that Vote-By-Mail ballot requests close 19 days prior to your Election Day, so ballots are received and returned by the deadline. All Neighborhood Council election will be hybrid meaning In-Person and Vote-By-Mail this season.

### **GET A VOTE-BY-MAIL BALLOT**

Vote-By-Mail Ballots are only available by request for NC elections. Ballots are postage-paid and can be returned by mail or at the polls. Ballot requests dates vary by election region. Ballots may be requested beginning in late January 2023 using this [link](#).

### **ELECTION DAY POLLS**

Vote in person or drop off your Vote-By-Mail Ballots at your NC's Election Day polls.

### **WHO'S RUNNING?**

Meet the candidates for the Arts District Little Tokyo Neighborhood Council! Use this [link](#) to pull up candidate statements and photos.

### **WHO'S ON A NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL**

While Neighborhood Council board members are volunteers, they are public officials elected by the members of their community. Most board members serve two-year terms; a few Neighborhood Councils have four-year terms.

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## **American Disabilities Act Compliance** For Websites





Join the Small Business Council on April 12th at 10:00 a.m. for an information session on American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance for websites. Accenture and 3shades design will provide an overview of the top website compliance errors and share resources on how to avoid these errors. Learn more about ADA Guidance [here](#). Guest Speakers include

- Louise Barrere - Accenture
- Tiger He - Accenture
- Christina Moses - 3shades designs
- Adam Weiss - 3shades design

Click [here](#) to RSVP

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## LA Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program



## Are you a small business owner in Los Angeles? Could you benefit from FREE legal help?

We've teamed up with some amazing LA-based partners to create the LA Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program, which provides assistance or representation to support a range of issue areas, including:

- Contracts & Commercial Leases
- Business Structure & Entity Formation
- Hiring & Termination
- Employee Safety
- Wage/Hour Rules
- Paid leave
- COVID relief
- Intellectual Property Assistance
- & more!

**Visit [LALegalHelp.org](https://LALegalHelp.org) to learn more  
or request assistance now!**

LA REGIONAL SMALL BUSINESS LEGAL AID PROGRAM



The LA Regional Small Business Legal Aid Program provides free legal assistance or representation to small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

The program provides help on a wide range of issues, including:

- Contracts and commercial leases
- COVID relief
- Business structure and entity formation
- And more!

The program is administered by the City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD), in partnership with the County of Los Angeles Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), Bet Tzedek Legal Services, Public Counsel and the Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles. The program provides free legal help to small businesses ranging from basic legal information to representation by an attorney to help address immediate and long-term legal issues.

For more information, please visit <https://lalegalhelp.org/>

## Q1 2023 Stats

Clean and Safe

PUBLIC SAFETY STATISTICS	
AGG	5
BTFV	100
BURG	9
GTA	16
GTP	0
HOM	0
RAPE	0
ROBB	1
THEFT	17

BEAUTIFICATION STATISTICS	
Bags of Trash Collected	7,983
Pounds of Trash Collected	183,379
Graffiti Tags Removed	3,168
Bulk Items Removed	1,098
Pressure Wash Hours	120



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